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For : ATHEROSCLEROSIS SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE LOCUS 1 (ATHSQ1) AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE LOCUS 2 (ATHSQ2)

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued September 6, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 6, 2002 Office Action is due December 6, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 10-12, 37, 38, 47-50 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in connection with the above identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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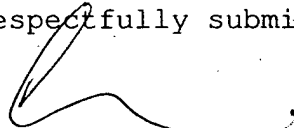
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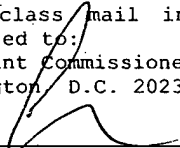
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